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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Only those districts are shown whose combined exports and imports by air were valued at 2 million dollars or more for calendar year 1964.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons detailed customs district of lading and country and continent of destination data are not shown in published export statistics for selected commodities, referred to as Special Category commodities. The data for individual customs districts and continents, therefore, exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but over-all shipping weight and value totals for exports of Special Category commodities are included in table 1. Effective January 1965, some changes were made in security restrictions, without a corresponding change in restrictions applying to earlier periods. Therefore, the customs district and continent totals for 1965 include data for exports of some commodities which are no longer classified as Special Category commodities beginning in 1965, but which were not included in customs district and continent totals prior to 1965 since they were classified as Special Category commodities at that time. Because of this, and also because of changes in the content of Special Category commodities effective January 1965, the district and continent statistics shown in this report for 1965 are not completely comparable with those for earlier periods. Further information regarding Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability on a 2 chances out of 3 basis of value totals. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

Effective July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $251 and over. With the exception of the value data shown in the column for "All carriers", the statistics shown in table 2 for value and shipping weight reflect fully compiled data exclusively. The value data shown for "All carriers" represent fully compiled data combined with estimated data for shipments valued $250 or less reported on both formal and informal entries, based on a 1-percent sample of such shipments. (Informal entries, by definition, contain items valued not more than $250.)

Prior to July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflected fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $100 and over. Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 were entirely excluded from the airborne import statistics. Estimated data for informal entry shipments valued $250 or less, based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments, were included in the column showing value data for "All carriers" in table 2, but were excluded from the other statistics in this table.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Effective July 1965, value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than three percent while value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	[2]38,415	(X)	12,073	6,285	14,298	2,333	458	595	[2]202,013	(X)	34,404	17,347	111,139	19,570	4,725	3,111
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	[2]14,922	5,287	1,880	5,138	1,123	97	228	(X)	[2]80,508	14,204	5,844	41,830	8,390	750	1,188
Massachusetts.....	497	254	108	(Z)	364	4	2	3	3,827	2,184	531	1	3,203	31	29	14
Connecticut.....	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	171	169	171	-	-	-	-	-	991	989	991	-	-	-	-	-
New York.....	18,168	6,936	2,313	1,422	11,691	1,130	87	485	121,530	45,555	11,183	6,336	91,484	7,608	821	2,548
Philadelphia.....	133	57	2	-	125	2	(Z)	1	409	89	14	-	365	18	1	7
Maryland.....	236	225	19	-	164	29	5	6	1,044	1,012	52	-	944	33	1	8
Florida.....	10,042	3,358	4,782	4,685	57	3	-	11	18,965	6,299	7,906	10,284	174	10	-	9
New Orleans.....	586	155	475	57	1	1	-	(Z)	1,442	429	1,138	232	2	4	-	2
Galveston.....	490	384	301	38	65	27	(Z)	27	1,646	1,054	626	38	581	185	(Z)	155
Laredo.....	500	237	484	1	-	-	-	-	534	436	513	3	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	839	398	146	54	279	199	86	6	8,393	3,057	626	219	3,861	2,850	664	48
San Francisco.....	1,385	437	12	19	161	780	266	3	13,331	3,212	69	199	2,205	7,522	3,085	26
Oregon.....	57	57	-	-	57	-	-	-	1,131	1,131	-	-	1,130	-	-	-
Washington.....	216	194	169	(Z)	10	34	(Z)	-	1,299	1,095	991	5	104	193	1	-
Alaska.....	23	2	1	-	19	2	-	-	83	30	29	-	20	34	-	-
Hawaii.....	193	8	176	-	2	9	6	-	134	28	8	-	9	62	52	-
Montana and Idaho.....	25	25	25	-	-	-	-	-	193	193	193	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	146	146	146	-	-	-	-	-	359	359	359	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	3	3	2	-	(Z)	-	-	-	20	10	8	-	11	-	-	-
Michigan.....	553	352	177	-	327	9	1	22	1,960	1,272	205	-	1,549	13	1	174
Chicago.....	2,211	582	1,155	1	901	71	(Z)	27	11,542	2,880	6,089	9	4,790	431	12	108
Ohio.....	356	36	337	-	14	1	-	(Z)	1,277	133	1,180	-	82	12	-	1
Puerto Rico.....	624	476	514	6	43	(Z)	-	2	660	434	499	17	86	1	-	8
All other Customs districts.....	627	175	556	2	17	32	4	1	2,376	1,426	1,191	7	539	563	58	2
Special Category[3].....	333	254	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	8,867	7,203	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero.
D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.
[2] Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.
[3] Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	16,599.	(X)	1,886.	1,126.	10,698.	2,788.	28.	72.	144,830	(X)	14,960.	6,036.	100,729.	17,804.	470.	1,125.
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	8,311.	904	505	5,053	1,823	8	18	(X)	62,502.	9,424	3,942	38,188	10,674	91	183
Massachusetts	274	173	14	-	253	6	-	(Z)	3,022	1,716	590	-	2,298	24	-	5
Connecticut	36	36	2	-	-	35	-	-	298	275	18	-	-	278	-	-
Buffalo	86	85	81	-	5	-	-	-	671	575	591	-	52	-	-	-
New York	10,726	5,121	264	367	9,399	619	7	69	106,723	41,025	4,515	4,471	89,887	4,639	168	1,107
Philadelphia	27	22	(Z)	-	26	(Z)	-	-	227	177	39	-	179	1	-	-
Maryland	110	101	3	4	99	3	-	(Z)	1,257	1,065	54	38	1,141	6	-	1
Florida	1,282	381	565	690	15	12	-	-	7,279	5,907	5,424	1,397	295	19	-	-
New Orleans	101	52	100	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	191	98	117	4	1	-	-	-
Galveston	31	24	21	8	2	(Z)	-	(Z)	273	78	98	28	82	1	-	1
Laredo	285	271	285	1	-	(Z)	-	-	291	227	274	1	-	1	-	-
Los Angeles	677	401	26	6	95	544	6	(Z)	5,463	2,574	167	61	1,409	3,430	65	1
San Francisco	1,108	526	3	(Z)	120	972	11	1	8,071	3,964	28	12	825	6,764	167	2
Oregon	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	27	7	-	-	7	-	-	-
Washington	330	320	34	-	2	295	(Z)	-	2,088	1,862	242	-	23	1,750	2	-
Alaska	4	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	42	27	-	-	7	36	-	-
Hawaii	29	17	6	-	(Z)	19	4	-	222	68	8	-	4	96	64	-
Montana and Idaho	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	57	32	34	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota	2	2	2	-	-	(Z)	-	-	26	16	21	-	-	1	-	-
Minnesota	4	4	(Z)	-	-	4	-	-	31	11	3	-	-	8	-	-
Michigan	202	136	16	-	185	(Z)	-	(Z)	1,465	249	148	-	1,306	4	-	1
Chicago	857	500	121	(Z)	470	266	-	1	6,043	2,276	2,063	(Z)	3,084	715	-	7
Ohio	43	6	35	-	3	5	-	-	294	8	208	-	34	7	-	-
Puerto Rico	362	120	298	49	14	1	-	-	349	100	153	23	57	6	-	-
All other Customs districts	16	6	5	-	7	4	1	-	422	166	164	-	37	19	4	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data for shipments valued less than $251 reported on formal and informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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